

Washington D.C. - Representatives Tim Ryan (D-Niles) and Michael R. Turner (R-Centerville) recently sent a joint letter to Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao. The Representatives wrote Secretary Chao on behalf of Delphi employees who may accept a buyout offer from the Delphi Corporation.

The Delphi Corporation, which is currently under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, seeks to eliminate thousands of employees-many through buyout packages. Representatives Turner and Ryan are concerned that employees that accept buyout offers may not be eligible for federal benefits such as Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA).

The letter states: "As members of Congress who represent thousands of Delphi employees we encourage you to do everything in your power to see that these workers will be eligible for TAA and all other types of federal assistance available to displaced workers. It is vital that these hard working individuals be eligible for TAA benefits so that they may get the training and job placement assistance they need to be successful and move Ohio's economy into the 21st century."

"These workers, through no fault of their own, face not only the loss of their jobs but, potentially, the loss of affordable healthcare," said Representative Ryan. "We must use every tool at our disposal-including Trade Adjustment Assistance-to ensure that these workers are able to afford health insurance for themselves and their families."

Representative Turner added, "During the past century Delphi played an important role in Dayton's history. My father worked for over 40 years from one of the jobs being slated for elimination at one of the Moraine plants, so I understand what these jobs mean to our community. I have been active in seeking solutions that will allow the company to survive, including leading a delegation to corporate headquarters last year. As the company prepares for the future, and some employees accept buyout offers, it is critical that the government is available to help with training and job placement assistance so workers have the skills and opportunity to work in the future."